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**Mayor McMahon Announces Lieutenant Mark E. Talbot, SR. To Be Sworn
In As The City Of Reading's Deputy Chief Of Police**

November 28, 2007: Mayor Tom McMahon, Mayor of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania and Chief William Heim, Chief of Police of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania announced today that Lieutenant Mark E. Talbot, Sr. will be sworn in as the City's Deputy Chief of Police on November 30, 2007, at a ceremony in City Council Chambers at 1:00 p.m.

Deputy Chief Talbot has over thirteen years experience with the Reading Police Department, having served most recently as Commander of the Vice and VIPER (Violent and Pattern Crime Reduction) units. Deputy Chief Talbot began his career with the Reading Police Department as a patrol officer and was promoted to the positions of Sergeant and then to Lieutenant prior to this promotion. In his new role as the Deputy Chief of Police, Talbot will be in charge of the operational aspects of the Reading Police Department which will include implementation of the Strategic Crime Reduction Plan.

"Mark represents the Reading Police Department well," says Heim. "His interaction as a problem-solver with citizens, both individually and as neighborhood groups, is exemplary. He is well-received by police officers and supervisors at every level." "I am very pleased that Mark has chosen to accept this challenging position," added McMahon. "He is respected within the Police Department as well by outside law enforcement agencies. His professionalism, dedication and commitment to serving the citizens of the City of Reading will be assets as we continue to work toward making our city a more desirable place in which to live, work and raise a family."